

Chapel, Western Reserve Academy,
Hudson, Ohio.

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Project No. 2 - CHAPEL (WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY), Hudson,
Summit County, Ohio.

Built 1835-36 by Western Reserve College. Present owner is Western Reserve Academy. The name of the architect is unknown. The design shows the influence of the buildings of Yale University. This, the President's House, North Hall and other of the original buildings probably followed in design "Old Brick Row" at Yale.

The building has no basement, and is two-stories and balcony high. It has a stone foundation, brick exterior walls built from locally made brick, and the framing timber of the interior is hewn and sawed oak cut from the local forests. The roof was originally of handmade shingles. The original tower had one additional story which was removed after it had been damaged by a storm. The present clock was installed a number of years after the building was built.

The exterior and interior wood trim, mouldings, etc., are handmade, the details of which were copied directly from handbooks used by carpenters of that day.

The growth and decline of Western Reserve College follows the history of all pioneer educational institutions. Little money was available for the purchase of property and construction of buildings, for the employment of professors and for the operation of the institution.

In 1882 Western Reserve College was moved to Cleveland and became a part of Western Reserve University. Following the removal of the College unsuccessful attempts were made to carry on the institution as a preparatory school. The work was finally abandoned and the buildings fell into serious deterioration. In 1916 James J. Ellsworth furnished the money for the rehabilitation and restoration of the buildings, following which the present Academy was started and has been carried forward with a large degree of success.

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The records of the Western Reserve College Board of Trustees
show that the Chapel was built at a cost of \$6,231.52.

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